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Letter dated 12 November 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my previous letters (S/2010/281, S/2010/349) regarding the sinking of the Republic of Korea's naval vessel *Cheonan* on 26 March 2010, and also to respond to the letter from the Permanent Representative of North Korea dated 2 November 2010 (S/2010/568).

It is very regrettable that North Korea continues to engage in political propaganda and foster suspicions, for which there are no grounds, concerning the cause of the sinking of the *Cheonan*. As clearly presented in my previous communications and in the informal interactive dialogue of the Security Council held on 14 June 2010, the Joint Civilian-Military Investigation Group (JIG) led by the Republic of Korea with the participation of five nations reached an objective and scientific conclusion that the *Cheonan* was sunk as the result of a North Korean torpedo attack. This finding was reconfirmed by the special investigation conducted by the United Nations Command (S/2010/398).

Furthermore, we deeply regret the insulting and defamatory expressions contained in the North Korean letter noted above with regard to the leadership of the Republic of Korea. Such language should have no place in United Nations documents.

North Korea should now renounce its invalid and irrational stance and take responsibility for the sinking of the *Cheonan*.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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